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Title: Data Processing Systems and Method
for Processing Work Items in Such Systems

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated April 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 22, 1999 with claims 1-11. Claims 12-14 were added in a previous amendment. Claims 1-14 remain pending. Claims 1, 5, 10 and 12 are independent claims.

In the outstanding final Office Action dated April 3, 2003, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,081,783 to Divine et al. (hereinafter "Divine"); (ii) rejected claims 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,189,070 to See et al. (hereinafter "See"); (iii) rejected claims 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Divine in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,555,420